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The grass in the Congregational church yard was being cut this morning.

Last evening at sunset, fifty-one fishing boats were counted without a glass, on the bay in front of Astoria from one stand point. What an impressive scene it would have presented in front of Portland on the broad Wallamet.

Last night this region of country was visited by a splendid shower—buckets full of pure water fell to aid in the development of tomato plants. Cabbages are doing first rate.

Yesterday morning the Chinamen refused to go to work at Booth's and Badollett's, without two dollars per month increase of wages, but at 11 A. M. Badollett's force returned to their work without accomplishing their purpose.

Good farms for sale in this part of Oregon, will be scarce and high priced in a few years. Just now we know of three valuable farms for sale cheap. Applicants for land are referred to John Hunter, Unity; D. E. Pease, Skipanon; and T. P. Powers, upper Astoria. See advertisements.

Genial Lew Rattler of San Francisco is responsible for the following *double entendre*: A fashionably dressed lady in passing the party by, attracted general attention through her unweildy or-what-do-you-call-it. However, the solons *tussled* with the subject and holding Lew to be the boss thus "propounded" him. Lew what is that, any how? Well boys I am surprised—your early education, etc. Don't you know what that is? Chorus of all "No!" Well I'll "Call" and "Ex-aminer." A little sour in mine—was the refrain.

An old quarter, that seems never to have done anybody any good further than to sit in a tray and represent collaterals since 1850, was paid to the wandering (typo-pilgrim) Haslett, at Astoria this week. Haslett is a good typo—he is a traveler also; having gone to the ends of the earth on foot, seeking employment and—whisky. He put in two weeks steady, faithful work, at the case in this office up to noon yesterday, when we paid him off that he might embark on the California for Victoria whither he was drifting—but the sight of that bright old quarter among the coin we gave him was too much for his ideas of propriety, and he started the quarter on its rounds of usefulness as a quarter, in doing which he missed the steamer, is again a delegate from the Police-court. Poor tramp. When he came here he was a most pitiable looking object. He didn't have a shirt to his back; we dressed him up in a new suit of old clothes, put clean shirts on him, and had a hope that he would leave Astoria a better man than when he came here, but alas; it was hope and charity wasted.

Current Events of the Day.

The new building on Concomly street, south of the Astoria Fishery, is designed for a Chinese boarding house.

The tug Ben Holladay brought the brig Hazard, of G. W. Hume's line down the river last evening ready for sea.

Work on the new steam tug to be built at Knappton by and for Simpson Bro.'s has begun. Mechanics are now laying the keel.

Capt. Flavel left for Portland this morning intending to be absent several days on business partly with respect to proposed repairs on the barkentine Jane A. Falkinburg.

W. H. Ashton, Jr., of the Eastern and Pacific coast press, is in town.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick of Fisherton, came down by the Bonita yesterday and received another one of his new fishing sloops and returned last evening. His new cannery will be ready for operation in a few days.

Messrs. Rutter & McKenzie having disposed of their lease and ship yard foot of Washington street, are looking about for a point adapted to their business with a view of permanent work in the ship building line in this vicinity.

A young man employed at the Knappton mills had his shirt badly torn by being wound up from the dangling ends of a sleeve on a projecting shaft. It was very lucky for him that his arm was not wound up instead of the shirt sleeve—but, as it is he was painfully hurt.

Two large iron buoys brought into port by the schooner Kate L. Herron, were thrown overboard yesterday, and floated to the Water-street roadway, where they were hoisted by a pile driver and safely stored at the government warehouse, south of the Occident, for future repairs.

The rush of spring business for the lower Columbia river steamers has subsided, and the boys are enjoying their *otium cum dignitate* during the short interim for resumption for heavy work when the salmon begins to leave the river in cases.

Col. Taylor arrived in New York City on the 25th ult., exactly one month from the date of his departure from Astoria. He went by way of Panama, steamer all the way through. Letters received yesterday from Acapulco state that with the exception of the first day out from San Francisco the voyage that far had been a very pleasant one. We advise our friends going eastward to try the Panama route.

C. M. Stark, of Deep river, yesterday brought us ten pounds of excellent fresh butter—a sample of the products of farms across the bay. Tillamook has acquired quite a reputation as a butter producing region, but we have never seen any better article from there than this from Pacific county. For the purposes of dairying no climate can excel the Coast line of counties.

We were in error in stating that the officers elect of Astoria Lodge of Good Templars were installed last Saturday evening. Officers were elected Saturday evening, and we are reliably informed will be publicly installed next Saturday evening—the ceremony to take place at the Congregational church.

Mr. F. G. Andrews, of Portland called last evening to express the gratitude of the relatives of Mr. Chas. Walker, for the part we had taken in spreading information which lead to the recovery of the body. It will be remembered that Mr. Walker mysteriously disappeared from a point opposite The Dalles in November last. He had crossed the river en route to his new home in Klickitat valley, and is supposed to have accidentally drowned in an effort to return to The Dalles, leaving his team on the Territory side. The body was found by Mr. Ed. Miller last week, near his fishery below Brookfield. Mr. Andrews, as a friend to the family came down and secured the body, which was taken up the river to-day from Brookfield, for burial at Oregon City. It is a very sad case. Mrs. Walker has suffered terrible agony and suspense for the past long and weary six months, but may now be more composed with the knowledge which to a certainty shows all the facts as to Mr. Walker's death. The body was fully identified.

Splendid assortment wall paper and window blinds just received at Case's.

LETTER FROM PROFESSOR BAIRD.

WASHINGTON, April, 17, 1876.

EDITOR ASTORIAN:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st, and beg to thank you for the interesting information contained therein. The ASTORIAN comes regularly, and I always look it over carefully in the expectation of finding something to interest me in the character of the country. I hope you will favor me with a full record of the capture of fish on the Columbia river the coming season. It is very desirable that we know exactly the number of establishments and of men employed, the number and average weight of the fish, with the maximum and minimum amount of the production. I can make excellent use of such data in my researches and reports. In view of the present abundance of fish in the Columbia river, I think it will be some time before the supply will be exhausted, or even materially diminished. Still, sooner or later a diminution will probably take place; and it would be very proper to take measures to increase the stock by artificial propagation. An expense of probably \$5,000 a year, or even less, judiciously laid out at some good spawning grounds would readily maintain the supply to such a degree as to defy all possible mode of interference. This would be much cheaper than the enactment of prohibitory laws, with the expense of enforcing them.

A memorial of the Oregon Legislature was presented to Congress last winter with regard to fishing regulations and this was referred to me by the Committee on Commerce, and I made quite an elaborate report which was printed, but of which I regret that I have no copy. Quite probably Mr. Mitchell could secure this for you.

I could readily find suitable persons to take charge of a hatching establishment if the funds were furnished to the amount mentioned. Probably after being started, it might be taken hold of by the general government, but I think this not very probable. The only regulation in regard to fishing that I would consider expedient, would be as to the season of closing and the size of the mesh. With a moderate amount of artificial hatching; no other requirements would be necessary. For the first year the expense might be a few thousand dollars more as a hatching house would perhaps need to be constructed.

Yours Truly,
SPENCER F. BAIRD.

Dr. Welch finding that it would not be possible for him to quit Astoria at the advertised time accepts the situation like a good dentist (as he is), and still remains at No. 10, Occident Hotel.

EASTERN OREGON—The Astorian is doing more for the interests of Eastern Oregon than any other paper in the State. If you have a friend or a relative in that section of this country, send him the paper on trial. Only one dollar for four months.

Any person inquiring for a fine quality of liquor, and can appreciate the same, can find the genuine J. H. Cutter Whiskey and Millers extra Old Bourbon, at the "Columbia Bar" saloon Astoria, with Geo. Usherwood late of Portland to cater to their tastes. Gentlemen will please give us a call. Cigars of a fine quality also on hand. JAS. M. LYNCH, Prop.

Everybody goes to the Novelty Barber shop to get fixed up in style. Every person may come, and more too, for I have employed a first-class artist who will skillfully manipulate your chin, gracefully curl your mustache, nicely puff your hair, and last of all, but not least, will perfume your clothes with the most popular perfumery in use. "Patchouly" if you don't believe it just try it. Hair cutting, shaving, and shampooing. Hair dying done and warranted not to turn red, break or split. Parker House, Astoria.

J. L. CAMPBELL, Proprietor.

Telegraphic News.

Synopsis of Press Dispatches.

Murder must come out.

Pensylvania Representative Expelled from the House.

Vanderbilt's Health Improving.

Mustang Horses in the East do not retain their speed.

The Coming Race of 300 miles in New York.

Meeting of Distinguished Scientists.

Bloody work in Louisiana.

The Alaska Fur Seal Investigation.

President Grant's Proposition to Punish Custer.

Won't Have His Administration Besmirched.

Blain Clears His Skirts—A Mistake.

Dishonesty in Public Land Surveys.

Wagers made that Belknap will not be Sinched.

Gov. Ferry Confirmed as Governor of W. T.

Chinese Patients in the San Francisco Pest-house Turned out.

John Halleran who murdered William Russell in June 1871, in Brooklyn, has been arrested in San Francisco.

The House of Representatives, after ten hours' discussion Tuesday night resolved to expel J. H. Petroff, member from Philadelphia, for conduct unbecoming a Representative. The accusation was that Petroff had negotiated with lobbyists, who were urging the passage of a bill, to obtain 14 votes in their favor for \$700,500. Petroff denied any corrupt motive. The evidence proved he did not receive a dollar, but the house considered the negotiations were improper, and therefore decided on expulsion.

A New York dispatch of the 2d says the health of Commodore Vanderbilt is improving.

The World speaking of the coming mustang race against time says it is to be for a stake of \$40,000, that is \$25,000 by prominent business men of New York against \$15,000 by old California residents here; that it is impossible to bring in mustangs into the Eastern climate and subject them to Eastern fare and have them keep their speed. The horses to be used are California mustangs of the ordinary breed, ridden by one man the entire distance, accoutered with Mexican stirrups and Spanish bits, and ridden in relays. The entire number of which not to ex-

ceed 30; the distance to be ridden is 300 miles to be ridden over a track within one hundred miles of New York and within 15 hours. The mustangs are from a yard in Visalia, California. Their rider is a Mexican, famous as a horseman and one of the most daring riders that ever carried mails into Southern California.

Gen. Brinkerhoff, President of the Ohio Archeological Association announces an international convention of archeologists has been called to meet at Philadelphia on the 4th of September next. The most distinguished scientists of the United States are engaged in the management. Invitations have been sent to the prominent scientific men of Europe.

Clark, private Secretary to the Governor of Louisiana, received a dispatch on Tuesday from Conshatta announcing the murder of King, brother-in-law to State Senator Twitchell, and the wounding of the latter, by an unknown man. The assassin rode through the town to the river bank and commenced firing with a repeating rifle at Twitchell and King who were on a flat boat being ferried over the river. The negro ferryman was also wounded. Senator Twitchell is one of the holding-over Republican Senators.

The sub-committee on ways and means, investigating the Alaska matter, on Tuesday took the testimony of Louis Goldstone of San Francisco, who says he was the lowest bidder and should have been awarded the lease of the fur seal islands. Senator Boutwell appeared before the Committee, and at the conclusion of Goldstone's testimony stated the reasons which controlled his action as secretary of the treasury in giving a preference to the bid of the Alaska Commercial Company. Both witnesses referred to the executive documents published by a former Congress as containing the full transaction of the various bids, papers and correspondence relating to the matter, which are now on file in the treasury department. Nothing additional of importance was elicited.

The World's special says Grant has relieved Custer of command. When the news got to Sherman and Taft, both went to him and reported that it would not do. Sherman went further and said: "Custer has been my best officer; not only my best man, but the only man to lead the expedition now fitting out against the Indians. To all their treaties, Grant turned a deaf ear, saying that Custer came here as a witness in the Belknap business, to besmirch his administration, and he proposed to stop it. By the advice of Sherman and Taft, Custer went to the White House and sat until the President's time was over, though he repeatedly sent in his card. Finally he wrote to the President. It is understood Grant will publicly assign as reasons for relieving Custer, that he is here and will not be back in time to take charge of his command; but Custer will be back in time, and Grant must make some other excuse to the people.

On Tuesday last Blaine made an elaborate and it must be admitted, conclusive refutation to the House to the story that he improperly received a number of Kansas Pacific bonds. The evidence showed that the man who originated the story had admitted his mistake. The day closes here with Blain's skirts clearer than the rest of the involved Republican Presidential aspirants.

The committee on public lands yesterday began discussion of the important question in relation to surveying public lands. Thousands of dollars have been stolen by dishonest surveyors, and the entire system needs renovating. It is believed the plan of surveying from monuments established at given points will be adopted.